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APPLICANT: Guerrero Solorzano et al. : BEFORE EXAMINER  
U.S. Serial No. 09/740,224 : O SULLIVAN, Peter G.  
FILING DATE: 12/19/2000 :  
RE: PROCESS FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS :  
COPRODUCTION AND : UNIT: 1621  
PURIFICATION OF ETHYL ACETATE :  
AND ISOPROPYL ACETATE :

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Applicant's Docket No. C-7205

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The following amendments and Remarks are responsive to the Office Action  
dated September 29, 2003.

Claim Amendments

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

Claims 1-10 (currently canceled)

Claims 11-19 (currently presented)


1. (currently canceled)
2. (currently canceled)
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4. (currently canceled)
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6. (currently canceled)
7. (currently canceled)
8. (currently canceled)
9. (currently canceled)
10. (currently canceled)

11. (currently presented) A process for the simultaneous coproduction and  
recovery of ethyl acetate and isopropyl acetate, comprising the steps of:

(a) reacting a stream comprising ethanol and isopropyl alcohol with acetic acid, in the  
liquid phase, in the presence of an acidic catalyst wherein the reaction is carried out in a

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<u><b>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b></u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	9 -	10 =	0 x	\$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1 -	1 =	0 x	\$84.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
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